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Sacrament of Reconciliation - Tues - Fri
from 7:30 - 8:00 am, Sat - 4:00 - 4:30 pm,
Sun. - 9:15-9:45 am

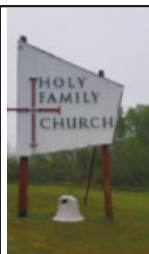
Adoration - Tues - Fri from 7:00 - 8:00 am
Confessions at St. Francis - Sat. 3:05 pm

Mass Schedule—Queen of Peace

Saturday5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Weekdays, Mon-Fri8:05 a.m.

Office Hours:

M, T, TH, F : 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesdays - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



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Confessions – 7:30 am
Sundays
Mass:8:00 am. Sundays

WE ARE A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CALLED TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST WHILE LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS, AND MAKING DISCIPLES.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

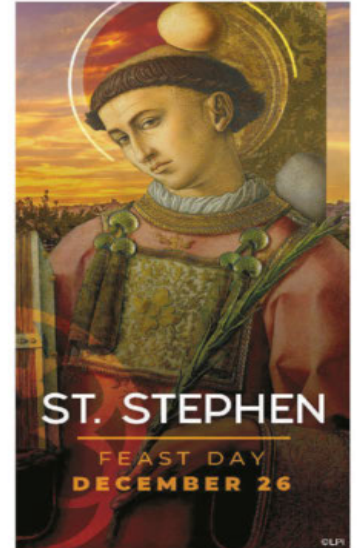
Sunday: The Holy Family
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY



ST. STEPHEN

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 26

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

Parish Services

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
Contact parish office.

Office of Outreach.....Contact the parish office for the hospitalized, sick & homebound.

New Parishioners

We welcome any visitors to our parish. If you are interested in joining our faith community, please call our parish office at 879-6793.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Merry Christmas!

Christmas is always a special time for a priest. I have my biological family that I come from, but you all are my immediate family now. Just as my siblings have their own families and we gather now and then all together, I have you as my family. Case in point, people will ask me if I am going home for Christmas. And it may seem like a small thing, but I like to say, "This is my home. Queen of Peace is my home...but yes, I will go to my parents." So, it's Christmas that I truly enjoy being with all of you. I am grateful being able to join with you in worship, in offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass together in remembrance of the Nativity of our Lord. I am blessed to be with you as we celebrate the Incarnation, God entering time and space as a baby boy. YOU are my family!

We are so blessed to have many guests, friends and family members of our parishioners come to Christmas Masses. This Christmas we are blessed to have the presence of parishioners who for whatever reason haven't been around the parish as much. We are blessed to have people from all walks of life and religion here just to celebrate Christmas with us. You are all most welcome!

And I say this in all sincerity...We want more of you. We are lacking when you are not present. We are not complete without you. We love you and want you to be more of a part of our parish family. We want you to be integrated into the weekly and even daily life of our parish family.

There is so much going on here. There are so many things to be involved in. Groups and events that will minister to your human and spiritual needs. Please contact the office or me if there are ways we can help you.

In particular, I invite your family to be integrated more fully into the parish through YOUR school. It is the easiest and most complete step to being fully a part of the life of Queen of Peace family. As you consider schooling options for next year, know that this is YOUR school. I want to share the tuition numbers for this past year. There may be a slight change for 2021-22, but you'll find it's very reasonable. And if this is difficult for your family, we have very generous tuition assistance. Queen of Peace Parish School is for YOU! No one is excluded from it!

2021-22 School Tuition Rates:

Provided the family volunteers, participates in fundraising, and attends the Monthly School Sunday Mass tuition is:

\$3,029 for one child

\$4,853 for two children

\$5,707 maximum for a family

What are some of the obstacles or difficulties in sending your children to Queen of Peace? Please talk to our principal David Douglas or myself. We want to remove those obstacles and make it as easy as possible for you to be at YOUR school!

-Father Nick

STEWARDSHIP

**Stewardship of Treasure - Report for Dec. 13 2021
Queen of Peace Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$7,144.55
Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,138.71
Electronic (weekly).....	\$318.00
Plate.....	\$1,129.78
Total Weekly Contributions..	\$9,730.44
TOTAL YTD FISCAL YEAR 2021/22..	\$242,200.36

Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$1,003.00
Endowment Fund	\$18.00
Sunshine Fund.....	\$200.00
Build. Fund Campaign as of 12/13/2021	\$691,973.14

UCA 2021—Beginning Jan. 1, 2021

Total to date 2021 (12/13/2021).....	\$56,793.16
UCA Goal for 2021	\$91,389.31

Holy Family Church

Envelopes	\$65.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$40.00
Plate	\$296.00
UCA-Total to date (12/13/2021)	\$1,842.00
UCA Goal for 2021	\$2175.54



We are in need of 1-2 people to help video tape the weekend Masses - either Sat. or Sun. Please call the parish office if you are interested in helping with this.

BEWARE OF SCAM

It has come to our attention that some members of the parish are receiving text messages requesting financial help from Fr. Nick. PLEASE IGNORE THESE MESSAGES!

It's Time to Take Financial Peace! Starting Tuesdays, January 4, 2022 at 6:30 pm for nine weeks. More information to come! Contact Joel and Wendy Peterson at 591-7758. Each family that completes the series of classes will receive a \$50 scrip certificate!

St. Luke's Hospice is looking for volunteers!

The last year has been particularly lonely for our patients and we are looking to increase our volunteer pool. Volunteers can provide services like friendly visits, respite visits for caregivers, music therapy, pet therapy, 11th Hour, spiritual support, bereavement support, and more.

I am not sure if you are aware of the St. Luke's Hospice Volunteer program, but our volunteers offer a great deal of companionship and support to patients and their families who are a part of our Hospice program. Our program serves patients within 40 miles of St. Luke's Hospital and we are in great need of volunteers in both WI and MN who fit that radius or are willing to travel. See kiosk.

Worship & Event Schedule

SUNDAY - December 26

8:00 am Mass at Holy Family (Andy Coathup)
10:00 am Mass (Ellie Deadrick)
Baptism after Mass - Franckowiak

MONDAY - December 27

8:05 am Mass (Father's intention)

TUESDAY - December 28

8:05 am Mass (Joseph Stramer)
6:00 pm Leadership Training

WEDNESDAY - December 29

8:05 am Mass (Dick Phillips)
8:00 pm Men's Discipleship Group (KC Hall)

THURSDAY - December 30

8:05 am Mass (Angel Tree Intentions)

FRIDAY - December 31

8:05 am Mass (Anthony Jurek)
Office Closed

SATURDAY - January 1 - Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00 am Mass - Solemnity of Mary (Katherine Axtell)
5:00 pm Mass - Epiphany Vigil (Arne & Geri Jerde)

SUNDAY - January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Mass at Holy Family (Javier Sanmiguel)
10:00 am Mass (Fr. Roland Antus)
4:00 pm Parent Formation - 1st Reconciliation

Assisting with Masses

MASS SCHEDULE FOR SAT. JAN. 1 (SOLEMNITY OF MARY & EPIPHANY VIGIL), AND SUN., JAN. 2

SATURDAY, JAN. 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 10:00 am

<u>Euch. Minister</u>	Volunteer needed
<u>Lector</u>	Kathy Lund
<u>Altar Servers</u>	Jack McGrath, Volunteers
<u>Head Usher</u>	Volunteer needed

SATURDAY, JAN. 1 - EPIPHANY VIGIL 5:00 pm

<u>Euch. Minister</u>	Volunteer needed
<u>Lector</u>	Volunteer needed
<u>Altar Servers</u>	Thomas Carlson, Josh Fosness, Alek Fosness, volunteers
<u>Head Usher</u>	Volunteer needed

SUNDAY, JAN. 2 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 10:00 am

<u>Euch. Minister</u>	Volunteer needed
<u>Lector</u>	Loran Wappes
<u>Altar Servers</u>	Jack McGrath, Isaac Swanson, Asher Swanson, Ethan Lavan, Sebastian Evander, Harold Douglas
<u>Head Usher</u>	Volunteer needed



ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS - If you head south for the winter and would like your mail and envelopes from Queen of Peace forwarded to you, please contact the Parish Office.

FOUND: Car key fob by the playground. Call parish office to identify.

*The Diocese has requested that with continued risk of Covid and other viruses, that we forego the Sign of Peace.

Our Franklin Chef Commercial gas Stove/Ovens needs a new home after it was replaced by the convection ovens. It has 10 burners and 2 ovens! It is natural gas but can be converted to propane. We are asking \$200.00. Please contact the parish office for more information. Thank you!

We are Re-establishing our Pastoral Outreach here in Cloquet

Father Nick and Deacon Jon want to visit all our homebound. The goal is to have Fr. Nick and Deacon Jon bring the Blessed Sacrament once a month to every person who is not able to come to Mass. Are you bringing Holy Communion to someone? Who do you know that can't come to Mass?

Let the office know so that Fr. Nick can visit them.

CHRISTMAS



The MN Alliance for Ethical Healthcare, a partner organization of the MN Catholic Conference, is a coalition of nearly 80 organizations that advocates for compassionate alternatives to the legalization of assisted suicide. We need individuals like you to help ensure that real care is available throughout life's journey. To receive updates and action alerts on how you can support this critical effort register at ethicalcaremn.org/join-us.

RESTORED

Jan. 21-23, 2022 Sugar Lodge, Cohasset, MN

Join us for a retreat weekend for adults. Enjoy good food and lodging, thought provoking content, engaging conversation and fellowship, time for reflection and prayer. Come be restored in both body and soul. Sponsored by the Diocese of Duluth. Register at www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored.

Faith Formation

First Reconciliation and First Communion- We will have a mandatory Parent Meeting on Sunday, January 2 following the 10:00 am Mass at Queen of Peace. Please mark your calendar and be sure to attend. Classes for our students will begin on Wednesday January 5 and will be held from 6:30-7:30pm. Families are invited to join us for a meal before class begins, from 5:15-6:30 pm and for Adoration following class from 7:30-8:00 pm.

Serving the Church- Girls in grades 4 and up are invited for a morning of serving the church. We will meet following the 8:10am Mass on Thursday, December 23 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm to help decorate and prepare the church for Christmas Masses! Please contact the Parish office if you would like to participate.

All families are welcome to participate in **Family Faith Formation**! This will include one parent formation night per month, one family night per month and at least 2 at home lessons for you to do with your whole family. Register on the parish website.

Other Discipleship Groups where you can make personal connections with others from our parish and grow in your faith: Men's Group, Women's Group, Morning Mom's Group, Mercy Outreach Ministry (an evening moms group), Adult Scola Choir, Ruby's Pantry Community Service. Check the bulletin boards, fill out a small group survey, or contact Rebekah Swanson at the parish office for more information.

PRAYER LIFE

Please pray for those who are sick/had surgery: Gerald Berglund, Craig Sutherland, Mary Smith, Robert Hecht, Eva Flovick, Jim Mosack, John Sibik, Mary Kantonen, David Danielson, Fr. Ben Hadrach, Pat Johnson, Bill Anderson, Marlene Purcell, Char Dahl, Don Grant, Rodger Maida, Raelene Obeidzinski, Barb Schaak, Maxine Chick

Please pray for the deceased: Bonnie J. Carter, Richard D. Loons, Pete Mills, Brian Bakka, Tammy Morrisette, Andy Coathup, Robert Williams, Richard Storck, Roy Charon, Betty Hebert, Robert Bourgeault, Gerald Lebreche

Please pray for those in the military: Vaughn Silbernagel, Eric Singpiel, Adam Isakson, Kent Price, Treavor Lowther

Pro-Life Prayer Intention That the Birth of the Baby Jesus may strengthen our resolve to welcome, nurture, and protect every child, born and unborn....

December

Intention for evangelization - Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer requests should be called in to our prayer chain leader, Marilyn Sowada at 218-428-2301.



Mardi Gras is just a couple months away!! Save the date for February 26, 2022. We are seeking donations for large raffle items and live auction as well as volunteers. Please reach out to

April Sprouse or Karin Sabyan for more information.

April Sprouse – 218-390-3396

Karin Sabyan – 651-334-4729



Richard Schulze Challenge Match Grant Update

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Schulze Challenge Match Grant. We have reached our goal for the match that was the kickoff to our long-term campaign to increase our endowment. We will continue to accept donations as its annual returns will be used to permanently increase our budget for teacher salaries. Our teacher-missionaries make about 45% less than a public school teacher. We want to pay them closer to a living wage. Our 5-year goal is to raise salaries 35%.

The Queen of Peace Gift Certificate (Scrip) Program has added Kwik Trip car wash gift certificates. We have gift certificates for 5 ultimate car washes for \$40 — this is \$10 less than the price at which Kwik Trip sells them. Kwik Trip donates 50% of the proceeds to the parish! Keep your car clean this winter!



Gift Certificate Program (Scrip)

We have gift certificates on hand for many local stores and restaurants and have access to dozens more upon request. Also, you can now order e-gift certificates for Amazon, Delta Airlines, QVC, and almost any other national retailer from the comfort of your home. Contact Loran Wappes (218) 499-1476 or talk to us after Mass or in the parish office.

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”

1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received - being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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